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Bill Number and Sponsor	Bill Subject	Current Status	Last Action
SB 12 Legislative Educational Planning Committee	Insurance; providing coverage for autism spectrum disorder	In Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance	01/21/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 1/29/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 136-N
H Sub for Sub for SB 23 Senate Ways and Means Committee	Appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	Pending enrollment and presentation to the Governor	02/12/2009 - Senate Adopted Conference Committee Report on Senate bill; Yeas 27, Nays 11
Following daily			
SB 25 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Creating the Kansas Indoor Clean Air act; concerning crimes and punishments; relating to smoking	On General Orders in Senate Above the Line in Senate	02/04/2009 - Senate Committee Report: Be passed as amended by Public Health and Welfare
SB 32 Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee	Evidence in civil actions; expression of apology, sympathy, compassion or benevolent acts by health care providers not admissible as evidence of an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission against interest	In Senate Judiciary	01/22/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 545-N
SB 44 Senate Judiciary Committee	Civil actions and civil penalties; relating to the submission of false or fraudulent claims to or the performance of fraudulent acts upon the State or a political subdivision thereof.	In House Judiciary	01/30/2009 - House Referred to Judiciary
SB 49 Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee	Insurance; concerning mental health and alcoholism, drug abuse or other substance use disorder benefits	In Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance	01/28/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/3/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 136-N
States that alcoholism, drug abuse, or other substance use disorder will be covered under plans that cover mental health benefits. This includes the SEHP.			

SB 81	Enacting the Kansas Nonsmoker Protection Act	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	01/23/2009 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee			
Sub for SB 89	Public records; relating to certain records not required to be open	On General Orders in Senate	02/12/2009 - Senate Committee Report: Substitute be passed by Financial Institutions and Insurance
Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee			
Workers Comp. policy information is required to be in accordance with subsection (h)(1) of K.S.A. 44-532 and amendments thereto, except an individual employer's record shall be accessible for purposes of verification of coverage or to the dept. of labor for the administration of the workers comp. act.			
SB 121	Health care; relating to reform in funding and structure of the federal and state programs	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/11/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/17/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee			
The governor and KHPA are directed to request from the fed. gov't all necessary waivers and exemptions from the prescribed uses of funding for medicaid, medicare, federal employee retirements income, schip, and any other relevant federal law. The governor through KHPA may enter into an agreement with the fed. gov't for the provision of health care benefits in said programs. Coordinating fed. health care fund is created in the state treasury and administered by the KHPA			
SB 129	State Medicaid plan; requiring certain changes regarding county jail inmates	In Senate Local Government	01/28/2009 - Senate Referred to Public Health and Welfare; withdrawn from Public Health and Welfare; referred to Local Government; Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/3/2009, 9:30 AM, Rm 446-N
Senate Local Government Committee			
SB 141	Division of Post Audit; transferring the Inspector General and the Office of the Inspector General from the Kansas Health Policy Authority to the Division of Post Audit	In Senate Ways and Means	02/02/2009 - Senate Withdrawn from Judiciary; referred to Ways and Means
Senate Judiciary Committee			
BILL ANALYSIS AVAILABLE Senate Bill 141 makes amendments to KSA 75-7427, which established the Office of the Inspector General within the Kansas Health Policy Authority. The bill moves the OIG to the division of post audit and gives the legislative post audit committee the power to appoint and supervise the Inspector General.			
SB 151	Medicaid; relating to charitable donations by certain persons	In Senate Ways and Means	02/02/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
Senate Ways and Means Committee			

Senate Bill 151 disallows Medicaid recipients residing in a Medicaid-approved institution and receiving long-term care from donating more than \$100 a month to any charitable organization (501 (c)). The bill applies to residents and spouses of residents in Medicaid institutions. Under this act, any donation of more than \$100 per month shall not be considered as a nonexempt transfer of property and may be the basis of loss of Medicaid eligibility. The bill directs the KHPA to seek any waivers necessary to carry out this requirement, and implement the provisions of the bill only if such required waivers to federal program requirements have been obtained from the federal government. If no waivers are necessary for the enforcement of the act, eligibility rules and regulations are to be updated within 12 months of the effective date of the act.

SB 166	Repealing K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 39-7,121b; medication for Medicaid recipients	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/05/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N
Senate Ways and Means Committee			

Senate Bill 166 repeals K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 39-7, 121 b. The repealed portion currently prohibits a mental health PDL.

SB 173	State health care benefits program; concerning certain retired officers and employees	In Senate Public Health and Welfare	02/11/2009 - Senate Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/16/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 136-N
Senate Ways and Means Committee			

Senate Bill 173 would allow retired public officers or employees who were covered by the SEHP but elected not to continue coverage to obtain coverage once again after a "qualifying event". Any retired employee may only have one qualifying event in their lifetime, and the event is limited to the death, divorce, or legal separation of the employee's spouse. This bill is supported by Senator Vicki Schmidt.

SB 181	Insurance; concerning mental health parity	In Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance	02/04/2009 - Senate Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee			

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SB 207	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for the Department on Aging, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Health and Environment – Division of Health; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In Senate Ways and Means	02/05/2009 - Senate Referred to Ways and Means
Senate Ways and Means Committee			

SB 250	Workers compensation; relating to benefits	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2009 - Senate Referred to Commerce
Senate Ways and Means Committee			

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SB 251	Workers compensation; relating to bilateral scheduled injuries	In Senate Commerce	02/10/2009 - Senate Referred to Commerce
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
BILL ANALYSIS AVAILABLE SB 251 adds a definition of permanent partial general disability.			
SB 258	Workers compensation; relating to caps on benefits	In Senate Commerce	02/11/2009 - Senate Referred to Commerce
Senate Ways and Means Committee			
Secretary of Labor will adjust current caps on all benefits contained within workers comp. The adjustment shall be based on the change in cost of living.			
HB 2018	Insurance; relating to rates and rate modifications for workers compensation insurance	In House Insurance	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/10/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
Joint Committee on Economic Development			
HB 2019	Eligibility requirements for Medicaid; allowing a collateral assignment of the proceeds of life insurance policies	In House Aging and Long-Term Care	02/03/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 711 DSOB
House Taxation Committee			
Following. Request for Fiscal Note. Jeanine/Boyd			
HB 2022	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010, for state agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Appropriations	01/21/2009 - House Scheduled Hearings: Monday, 1/26/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Tuesday, 1/27/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Wednesday, 1/28/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Thursday, 1/29/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N; Friday, 1/30/2009, 9:00 AM, Rm 143-N
House Appropriations Committee			
Following Daily			
HB 2075	Insurance; providing coverage for colorectal cancer screening	In House Insurance	01/29/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/5/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
Kay Wolf, R-21st			
HB 2093	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, for state	In House Appropriations	01/28/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
House Appropriations			

Committee	agencies; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing		
HB 2094	Making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, for the Department on Aging, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Health and Environment – Division of Health; authorizing certain transfers, capital improvement projects and fees, imposing certain restrictions and limitations, and directing or authorizing certain receipts, disbursements and acts incidental to the foregoing	In House Aging and Long-Term Care	02/12/2009 - House Withdrawn from Appropriations; referred to Aging and Long-Term Care
House Appropriations Committee			
HB 2198	Health insurance; relating to cafeteria plans, health savings accounts, high deductible health insurance plans and small employers	In House Health and Human Services	02/04/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Tuesday, 2/10/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
House Health and Human Services Committee			
BILL ANALYSIS AVAILABLE House Bill 2198 would require small employers to offer high-deductible health plans and HSAs and requires that any employer that provides health insurance offer a premium only cafeteria plan. Section 4 of the bill requires the SEHP to offer high-deductible and HSA options beginning in plan year 2010.			
HB 2222	State agencies; relating to the collection of licenses, fees, charges, taxes and exactions	In House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight	02/09/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 535-N
House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee			
HB 2231	Insurance; concerning mental health parity	In House Insurance	02/04/2009 - House Referred to Insurance
House Health and Human Services Committee			
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HB 2259	Health care; duties of the Kansas Health Policy Authority	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
House Health and Human Services Committee			

House Bill 2259 directs the KHPA to apply for waivers from CMS to lower Medicaid costs in Kansas by offering a new plan design that includes an HAS, Health Opportunity Account or both. KHPA is to negotiate with CMS to ensure that such waivers promote personal health responsibility. Section 2 of the bill authorizes the KHPA to develop and implement a pilot premium assistance plan to assist small employers in providing health insurance for their employees.

HB 2262	Health care; relating to insurance and health reimbursement arrangements	In House Insurance	02/06/2009 - House Withdrawn from Health and Human Services; referred to Insurance
House Health and Human Services Committee			

House Bill 2262 amends a number of current laws relating to health care. In Sections 1 and 2, the bill provides that the insurance carrier (not the employer) is now responsible for notifying an employee of their right to continuation of health care coverage for 18 months after the termination of the employee. Section 3 adds health reimbursement arrangements to the development program for cafeteria plans. The bills states that the KHPA shall develop and implement marketing strategies to ensure small employers are aware of the program. Health reimbursement arrangements are also added to the development program fund in the state treasury.

HB 2273	State agencies; providing for the development and implementation of a zero-based budget process	In House Appropriations	02/05/2009 - House Referred to Appropriations
House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee			

House Bill 2273 would implement a zero-based budget process for all state agencies. State agencies are directed to submit zero-based budget estimates beginning with FY 2012. The zero-based budget process would be applied on a six-year cycle. The budget estimates are to contain the following information: 1. A description of each activity for which an appropriation is made or requested, 2. The legal basis for the activity, 3. An itemized justification for the amount requested to perform the activity. The budget director is to evaluate the zero-based budget process and report to the legislative budget committee annually regarding whether the new system has increased the cost-effective delivery of public services.

HB 2274	Insurance; concerning individual health insurance	In House Insurance	02/05/2009 - House Referred to Insurance
House Insurance Committee			

House Bill 2274 would allow insurance companies, nonprofit health, medical, or hospital service corporations or HMO to issue a health insurance policy or health service contract that includes any or all of a number of requirements under the following conditions: The individual must have been without health coverage for at least six months and sign an affidavit attesting to this, the policy may impose preexisting condition exclusions, the policy shall not be provided for more than 18 months, and the issuer of the policy or contract must fully inform the individual of the excluded benefits. SEE EFFIE FOR LIST OF EXCLUDED SERVICES.

HB 2275	Establishing a program of random drug screening for public assistance applicants and recipients	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/16/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
Kasha Kelley, R-79th			

Requires, applicants for public assistance, as a condition of eligibility for any form of public assistance to undergo random drug testing. The programs shall be established by the KHPA on or before January 1, 2010.

HB 2278	Workers compensation; relating to bilateral scheduled injuries	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
House Appropriations Committee			

BILL ANALYSIS AVAILABLE HB 2278 adds a definition of permanent partial general disability.

HB 2279	Workers compensation; relating to benefits	In House Commerce and Labor	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
House Appropriations Committee			

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HB 2285	Health care; relating to debts owed to the state; state debt setoff program	In House Social Services Budget	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Social Services Budget
House Health and Human Services Committee			

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HB 2285 would allow hospitals and providers to submit claims for unpaid medical bills to the state. The state would then deny the individual a tax refund in order to setoff the individuals' debt.

HB 2286	Insurance; pertaining to practices affecting certain individual policies	In House Insurance	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Insurance
House Health and Human Services Committee			

House Bill 2286 amends current law pertaining to individual insurance policies. The major changes to current legislation are found in Section 1, where new subsection e) is added. This new subsection details new requirements for premium rates and minimum loss ratios. In Section 2, subsection d) the bill changes the period an insurer must wait before offering another policy in the state after discontinuing an individual policy from five years to one-year after the discontinuation.

HB 2287	Health reimbursement arrangements	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services; Scheduled Hearing: Thursday, 2/12/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
House Health and Human Services Committee			

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HB 2288	Enacting the Healthcare Price Transparency Act	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Health and Human Services Committee			

This bill requires health care providers to give patients an estimate of the cost of an elective or non-emergency service. The estimate may include a disclaimer stating that the estimate may differ from the amount billed.

HB 2289	Health insurance; concerning mandate lite health benefit plans and specially designed policies	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services; Scheduled Hearing: Wednesday, 2/11/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 784 DSOB
House Health and Human Services Committee			

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HB 2290	Small employer health insurance plans	In House Insurance	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Insurance
House Health and Human Services Committee			

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This bill makes several changes to the requirements for small employer health insurance, including the timeframe for preexisting condition exclusions and monthly tax credits for employers who offer a health insurance plan.

HB 2291	Enacting the Health Care Price Transparency Act; prescribing disclosure and availability of prices charged by certain health care providers and reimbursed by health insurance carriers for health or medical care services	In House Health and Human Services	02/06/2009 - House Referred to Health and Human Services
House Taxation Committee			

The bill would require health insurance carriers, HMOs, PPOs and health care providers to make negotiated rates for certain and common health care services available for public disclosure. A copy must be provided to the consumer.

HB 2298	Educational requirements for licensure as a health care provider	In House Higher Education	02/11/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/16/2009, 1:30 PM, Rm 786 DSOB
House Higher Education Committee			

House Bill 2298 concerns education requirements for licensure as a health care provider. It allows for course credit obtained through distance learning which meets requirements for licensing to be applied toward course work requirements for the licensing exam. It applies only if the distance-learning is approved by the relevant educational credentialing authority and is approved by the appropriate licensing agency.

HB 2310	Long-term care partnership program; allowing the exchange of certain long-term care policies or certificates	In House Aging and Long-Term Care	02/12/2009 - House Withdrawn from Insurance; referred to Aging and Long-Term Care
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			

Forces each issuer of qualified long-term care partnership program policies in the state to offer to all existing policyholders that were issued long-term care coverage the option to exchange their existing long-term care coverage for coverage that is intended to qualify under Kansas' long-term care partnership.

HB 2312	Workers compensation; relating to caps on damages and death benefits	In House Commerce and Labor	02/09/2009 - House Referred to Commerce and Labor
House Federal and State Affairs Committee			

Secretary of labor shall adjust the current caps on all benefits contained within the workers compensation act in an amount equal to the midwest cost of living adjustment.

HB 2316	State government; providing for a furlough equality plan for certain executive branch positions	In House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight	02/11/2009 - House Scheduled Hearing: Monday, 2/16/2009, 3:30 PM, Rm 535-N
House Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight Committee			

Spells out the plan of action If the governor implements a furlough plan for state employees to reduce payroll costs. It divides state employees into four categories divided by salary. The highest paid group shall be furloughed wiht the lowest paid group at ratio of time of four to one. The second shall be furloughed in the same manner with the third group at a ration of three to one.

HB 2327 House Taxation Committee	Taxation upon cigarettes and tobacco products; relating to rates; creating the health reform fund; deposit of moneys therein	In House Taxation	02/12/2009 - House Referred to Taxation
HB 2341 House Appropriations Committee	State agencies; relating to expenditures thereof	In House General Government Budget	02/13/2009 - House Referred to General Government Budget
House Bill 2341 would prohibit state agencies from using funds budgeted for salaries and compensation for FTE positions for any other purpose unless specifically authorized by the legislature.			